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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated September 1, 2006 in the patent application identified above, please enter the following amendments and reconsider the application in view of the appended remarks. A request for a one-month extension of time until January 3, 2007,¹ accompanies this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 21 of this paper.

¹ The PTO was closed January 1, 2007 in observance of New Year's Day and January 2, 2007 in observance of a National Day of Mourning.

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